

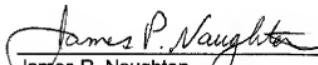
REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-12, 14, 16, 18 and 20 are pending, including independent claims 1, 2, 5, 14 and 18. Claims 2-4 are allowed. The remaining claims are rejected on the basis of prior art.

Claim 2 is found to be allowable because the prior art does not disclose or suggest "a speech input guidance device wherein the number of speech inputs is counted and guidance is terminated when the count of speech inputs exceeds a predetermined number." (Office Action at page 15.) By the present Amendment, this feature of allowed claim 2 is added to the remaining independent claims. Therefore, Applicant submits that all claims, as amended, would contain allowable subject matter.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the present Amendment and allowance of this application. If the Examiner believes the application still is not in condition for allowance, she is requested to telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney at 312-321-4723.

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